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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to tuition waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring community colleges and state universities to waive tuition for a recipient of a Purple Heart who fulfills specified criteria; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.--

(9) Beginning in the 2007-2008 academic year, a state university or community college shall waive undergraduate tuition for each recipient of a Purple Heart who:

(a) Is admitted as a full-time, part-time, or summer-school student in an undergraduate program of study leading to a degree or certificate;

(b) Is currently, and was at the time of the military action that resulted in the awarding of the Purple Heart, a resident of this state; and

(c) Submits to the community college or university documentation verifying that the student has received a Purple Heart.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that state community colleges and universities waive tuition for recipients of a Purple Heart.